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GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

MISSION STATEMENT

CRIMINAL DIVISION:

Handles State law and City Ordinances except traffic-related cases. It holds preliminary hearings in felony cases, and trials in misdemeanor cases, and health and housing code violations. Lunacy hearings are also heard under this division.

CIVIL DIVISION:

Hears attachments and other cases not exceeding \$15,000. Other cases include claims to specific personal property or any debt, fine or other money or to damages for breach of contract or for injury to a person. This budget includes a new Small Claims Court that handles suits for \$2,000 or less without attorneys.

TRAFFIC DIVISION:

Handles motor vehicle related cases under State law and City Ordinances, holds preliminary hearings and felony cases and trials in misdemeanors, traffic infraction and parking violations.

DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

The Norfolk General District Court has three divisions: Criminal, Civil, and Traffic; six courts; six judges; and seven clerks' offices located in the General District Court Building.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- The total FY2004 budget approved for the General District Court is \$337,000, an increase of \$2,800 over FY2003. This increase is due to adjustments in personnel costs.

PRIOR YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Renovated Traffic Court Clerk's Office #1
- Painted and carpeted Room 174/175

Expenditure Summary

	FY2002 ACTUAL	FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2004 APPROVED	FY2005 ADOPTED
Personnel Services	-	-	15,100	21,000
Materials, Supplies and Repairs	25,525	23,386	43,800	43,800
General Operations and Fixed Costs	192,095	239,524	254,800	251,700
Equipment	20,258	37,682	20,500	20,500
TOTAL	237,878	300,592	334,200	337,000
These funds support the retirement contribution for employees grandfathered in the City's retirement system.				

Programs & Services

	FY2003 ACTUAL	FY2004 APPROVED	FY2005 ADOPTED	FULL-TIME POSITIONS
GENERAL DISTRICT COURT	300,592	334,200	337,000	0
Tries all civil and traffic cases, and criminal cases not presented by the Commonwealth's Attorney.				
TOTAL	300,592	334,200	337,000	0